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SOME GOOD FARES SINCE WEDNESDAY

ANOTHER CARGO OF SALT HERRING ARRIVED FROM NEW-FOUNDLAND.

Three of the Georges handline cod-fishing fleet have arrived since last report, sch. Fish Hawk with 23,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Arthur D. Story with 30,000 pounds and sch. Mattie Winship with 35,000 pounds. The latter two are fine fares, indeed, and with the present \$5 market will bring good financial returns.

Sch. Mystery arrived Wednesday night from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring, the second to arrive from Newfoundland this season. The craft hauled right at the Reed & Gamage's wharf and work on her cargo was begun immediately. She is one of the Gorton-Pew fleet.

This morning sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, arrived from Western bank with a fine fare, 50,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The torchers had about 150 barrels of herring yesterday, but today 30 barrels will cover all there was brought over.

It is evidently no fish day on the shore grounds, for the big fleet of market boats is still in port here and hugging the wharves.

This forenoon produced a generally unexpected salt fish arrival in the shape of the British sch. Elfreda May, from Grand Bank, N. F., with 236,614 pounds of salt codfish for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, the fish having been bought at that port recently by the company's agent. Another fare is expected from the same port. Capt. Trowbridge of the schooner reports a fair passage of six days with several calm spells and no hard winds.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ingomar, Western Banks, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Br. sch. Elfreda May, Grand Bank, N. F., 236,614 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges, handlining, 23,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mystery, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1240 lbs. salt herring.
Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Massasoit, shore, 1200 lbs. pollock.
Torchers, 150 bbls. fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, haddock-ing.
Sch. Florida, cod netting.
Sch. Georgiana, shore.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. Massasoit, pollocking.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollocking.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, Boston.
Sch. Lena and Maud, Bay of Islands, N. F.
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Bay of Islands, N. F.
Sch. Flirt, Bay of Islands, N. F.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, via Boston.
Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.
Sch. Valentinna, pollocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.
Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.
Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.
Dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
Handline Georges cod, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50.

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ELEVEN ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

DEMAND FOR FISH IS LIGHT TODAY, BUT PRICES ARE WELL SUSTAINED.

As was expected, there are but few arrivals at T wharf this morning, only 11 crafts being at the dock with fish and five of these are from offshore. The total supply is not large but prices are about the same as on the day before Thanksgiving. A good-sized fleet and an advanced market are looked for on Monday. But little is expected tomorrow, as the boats are not fishing today.

The steam trawler Spray is in, having been out but a few days. She has a small catch, 24,000 pounds, and like the Foam does not appear to be striking very good fishing of late.

The shore boat fares run from 2300 to 6000 pounds, and the one pollocker in has 10,000 pounds. Of the offshore fleet in, sch. Squanto has the largest catch, 39,000 pounds. Schs. Raymah, Esperanto, and Quannapowitt are the other offshoreers in, each having small catches.

Old haddock are bringing \$1.30 and \$2.50 is the price on new stock. Large cod are from \$3.50 to \$5, pollock, \$1.65; and hake, \$1.30 to \$2.25.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mabel Bryson, 10,000 pollock.
Steamer Spray, 22,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 700 hake.
Sch. Raymah, 3200 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Squanto, 28,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Quannapowitt, 5500 haddock, 1500 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Esperanto, 11,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 6000 cod.
Sch. Reliance, 4000 cod.
Sch. Sylvester, 4500 cod.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 300 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 large cod, \$3.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$1.30 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.65.

Pensacola Fisheries.

Red snappers and groupers were the only kind of fish landed at Pensacola last week. The Saunders Company had seven arrivals, Warren Fish Company two, and Bay Fish Company two. Total receipts were 110,000 pounds red snappers and 31,000 pounds groupers. Vessels to E. E. Saunders & Company were: Smack Sheffield, 13,000 pounds red snappers; smack Wallace McDonald, 11,000 pounds red snappers; smack Lottie G. Howard, 16,000 pounds red snappers and 7000 pounds groupers; smack Clara M. Littlefield, 14,000 pounds red snappers; smack Ruth A. Welles, 6000 pounds red snappers and 6000 pounds groupers; smack Dorothy, 12,000 pounds red snappers and 6000 pounds groupers; smack John M. Keen, 7000 pounds red snappers and 6000 pounds groupers.

To Warren Fish Company: Smack Althea Franklin, 10,000 pounds red snappers; smack Herman Oelrichs, 7000 pounds red snappers and 5000 pounds groupers.

To Bay Fish Company: Smack Dolphin, 8000 pounds red snappers and 1000 pounds groupers; smack Two Boys, 6000 pounds red snappers.

Fish and the Moon.

A recent report of the Scotch Fishery Board mentioned a curious habit, which, according to the fishermen, is associated with fish; the phases of the moon, it was asserted, having a very direct connection with the willingness of fish to be netted. To test this theory statistics were obtained of the catch of herrings from 1860 to 1900, with the result that the biggest catches were found to have coincided with new moon and the smallest with full moon. The report suggested that a full moon enabled the nets to be seen much more easily than at the times of new moon or the crescent phase, or that the tides, which vary with the lunar phases, were possible factors in the matter.

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STORM HURRIED OFFSHORE FLEET.

OFFSHORE ARRIVALS AT BOSTON WERE NOT EXPECTED TILL MONDAY.

As was anticipated the bulk of the arrivals at T wharf today are from offshore, and even the most of these were not looked for before Monday, the storm evidently hurrying them along.

Of the 12 arrivals, eight are of the big offshore chaps, while one market boat and three little bay netters complete the list, one of these latter, the Freedom, having the largest fare of 9000 pounds of codfish.

The offshore craft comprise schs. Elmer E. Gray, Onato, Patrician, Lucania, Arabia and Cynthia, from the eastward, and sch. Robert and Arthur and Speculator from South Channel. The crafts from the eastward all have good trips, in the vicinity of 50,000 or 60,000 pounds each, sch. Onato with 59,000 pounds heading the list. Cod and haddock predominate, and sch. Patrician, in addition has 2000 pounds of halibut, which found a fine market.

Prices are about the lowest of the whole season, haddock going below \$3 for the first time in a long while, still the offering of the buyers are far from being actually low and about all the big vessels will come out pretty well.

Haddock sold at \$2.75 and \$3, large cod \$3 and market \$2.50, large hake brought \$1.75 to \$2.40 and small hake \$1.30. Cusk, what few there were in, fetched \$2, while halibut were worth 15 and 11 cents per pound.

For the week ending Thursday night 124 fares of fresh fish, comprising 1,927,350 pounds were landed at T wharf against 83 arrivals with 1,337,200 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The fishermen in Maine yesterday morning sent up to T wharf a lot of haddock and cod, and 25 boxes of green smelts. A consignment of 30 barrels of smelts was also received from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island fishermen.

The arrivals this morning in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4600 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 30,000 haddock, 2400 cod.
Sch. Onato, 48,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Speculator, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Patrician, 18,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 16,000 hake, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Lucania, 17,000 haddock, 36,000 cod.
Sch. Freedom, 9000 cod.
Sch. Sloop Wodan, 3000 cod.
Sch. Kate Maxwell, 3600 cod.
Sch. Arabia, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 4000 haddock, 7000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Cynthia, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt; large cod, \$3; small cod, \$2.50; large hake, \$1.75 to \$2.40; small hake, \$1.30; cusk, \$2; halibut, 15 and 11 cents per lb.

Portland Fish News.

Several trips of herring were brought in Thursday, the largest of the lot coming in on the steamer Sebasco, she having about 75 barrels.

The members of the Portland fishing fleet enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner at home. With the exception of one or two crafts, none of the vessels were outside. None came in during the day so that not a pound of fish was landed here Thursday.

The crew of the fishing sch. Albert W. Black came very near eating fish instead of turkey for dinner on Thanksgiving day, the vessel having been two days in making the run down from Boston, where she took out a fare of 12,000 pounds of fish on Tuesday. On starting out she ran into a howling northeaster and was obliged to lay over one night at Portsmouth. She had to beat her way the whole run from Boston, but succeeded in reaching this port Thursday forenoon, where the crew quickly scattered for their homes.

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STORM KEEPS BOATS IN PORT.

ONE SALT HERRING FARE AND
TWO COD HANDLINERS IN
PORT THIS MORNING.

The threatening northwester which prevailed during the night, accompanied by snow flurries kept the whole market fleet snugly tied up in port. It does not look as though any of them will get out today, and several which went yesterday came back, as the same situation prevails at T wharf and Provincetown, which means a scarcity of fish and consequent big prices at the Boston market on Monday.

The boats may get a chance to get a dip tomorrow, but it will be as much as ever and what they can get in the one set will not go far toward supplying a hungry Monday morning market.

There have been two arrivals here since last report, sch. Cecil H. Low coming in late yesterday afternoon from a Georges handline trip, with 22,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Aloha came in during the night, from a dory handline trip to Virgin Rocks, with the makings of a fine stock and share in the shape of 230,000 pounds of salt cod. The salt bank fleet thus grows less day by day, there now being but two crafts to come.

During the forenoon sch. Smuggler arrived here from Bonne Bay, N. F., with a full cargo of salt herring, being the third craft to arrive here this season, herring laden, from the treaty coast of Newfoundland. The first cargo last season arrived here November 25, in sch. Lucinda L. Lowell.

Of course the storm was too much for the herring torchers so none of them went over last night and there is no fresh bait on hand this morning.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Smuggler, Bonne Bay, N. F., full cargo salt herring.
Sch. Aloha, Virgin Rocks, N. F., dory handline, 230,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, handline, 22,000 lbs. salt cod.
Steamer Quoddy, shore.
Steamer Nomad, shore.
Sch. Matthew M. Greer, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Newfoundland.
Sch. Ramona, Newfoundland.
Sch. Dauntless, Newfoundland.
Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland.
Sch. Monarch, Newfoundland.
Sch. Meteor, Newfoundland.
Sch. Hope, pollocking.
Sch. Winnifred, pollocking.
Sch. Stiletto, haddock.
Sch. Morning Star, haddock.
Sch. Conqueror, haddock.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddock-
ing.
Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

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Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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News From the Herring Fleet.

There is no change in the herring situation at Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay. Good fishing continues and there is no frost yet.

A dispatch to the Boston Fish Bureau this morning states that nothing has loaded and sailed from Bay of Islands since sch. Helen G. Wells left.

The Bureau dispatch also says that schs. Annie M. Parker, T. M. Nicholson, Alice R. Lawson and Miranda are the recent sailings from Bonne Bay with salt herring cargoes.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Arcadia was at Halifax, N. S., on Wednesday.

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Pollock Would Not Bite.

Several of the market boats and pollockers which came in yesterday and Wednesday report great schools of pollock off here and on the Ridges. The fish would not look at a hook. Last year the pollock schooled off here all winter and some good catches were secured.

Buying Fish at Newfoundland.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says: "An agent of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has purchased about one million pounds salt bulk fish on the south coast and has paid at the rate of three cents per pound. The fish is now being loaded for Gloucester on board the Excelda at Harbor Breton, the Almada and Percy Roy, at Grand bank and the Regil at Fortune at a freight rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds."

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T Wharf Dealer Dead.

Christopher J. Whitman, aged 48, a prominent fish dealer of Boston, died Saturday at his home in Everett. He was very well known here among the fish dealers, who will learn of his death with regret.

Mr. Whitman was born in 1862 in Greysboro, N. S., and came to the United States when a small boy, living in Truro, until about 20 years of age, when he came to Boston and engaged in the fish business. He had been located at 29 T wharf for the past 19 years, where he conducted a successful business. He was very popular with his associates and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Whitman was a vice president and director of the New England Fish Company, treasurer and director of the New England Fish Exchange and a director of the Boston Fish Market corporation.

Buying Herring at Bay of Islands.

Lauchlin McLean, of South Sydney, C. B., is back at Bay of Islands, N. S., buying herring. Prospects for a successful fishery were very bright there at last reports. Gloucester vessels are continually arriving, six having left North Sydney Monday for Bay of Islands. Old fishermen state that the run of herring is most extraordinary the fishing operations now being conducted far up Humber Arm, the first time for many years. Capt. McLean is well known to owners and skippers here.

High Price for Eskimo Fish.

The fish about 2,200 quintals brought up from the Moravian settlements by the S. S. Harmony, was auctioned at St. John's, N. F., a few days ago by A. S. Rendell and it fetched a remarkable price. It was put up at \$5 and went up, several merchants bidding. It was knocked down to Manuel Ceballo, a Spanish gentleman, who is at St. John's buying fish, for \$6 per quintal. Some of the fish is heavy, but part is as good as ever caught. The local merchants are surprised that such a high figure was given for it.

High Price for Cod Oil.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says the present price for cod oil, \$88 a tun, is the highest that has been paid for years, but not by any means the highest that has been paid. In 1863, owing to a general failure of the fisheries there was a big demand for cod oil and that fall Mr. McLea sold a quantity to R. Prowse & Sons for \$232 a tun, which was and is the highest price ever paid for cod oil in St. John's.

New Schooner Named Valerie.

The new vessel which is being built for Capt. George Nelson and Capt. Albert Larkin at Tarr & James' yard, Essex, has been named the Valerie. She will be ready to launch on December 5. The Valerie will be 125 feet over all, 25 feet beam and 12 feet depth of hold and will register 135 tons gross.

Landing Ground Fish At Portland.

Not only in halibut has Portland begun to compete with Boston, but in ground fish as well, and some of the captains who fish off Cape Porpoise are running in there between their trips to Boston, and selling their fish. This gives the men a chance to get to their homes often. The captains claim also that they get a better price at Portland for their fish.

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Has Plant at Burgeo.

F. Lord, president of Lord & Company, large fish packers of Portland, Me., is in Bay of Islands, N. F., making purchases for his firm. Mr. Lord has established a big industry in Burgeo in his halibut plant.

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HERRING SEIZED.

Sardine Herring Contained Red Feed
Making Them Unfit for Food.

Eight carloads, or 800 barrels, of herring, which were being shipped by a Boston company to four different sardine packing concerns in Eastport, were seized last week in the Boston & Maine railroad yards at Portland by Deputy United States Marshal Hasty, on complaint of a government inspector that the fish as shipped did not comply with the provisions of the pure food law.

The complaint alleged that the fish contained certain decayed matter, making them unfit for food. It was claimed that the herring were taken from the water when they were full of a small shrimp, called "red feed," on which they feed, and which live on the viscera of the herring if the latter are killed before they have time to purge themselves of their parasites. The fish probably will be sold for fertilizer.

Portland Salt Fish Market.

The Portland salt fish market is tight, so is the smoked fish market.

Both products are scarce, the scarest they have been in years and there is no prospect of a relief before spring. According to all the reports that have been received in Portland, the demand for salt fish is keener than ever while the fish to be secured are fewer than they have been for a number of seasons.

Even as far back as last summer, it was seen that stocks this winter would be light. As soon as that intelligence was received by the dealers, they at once began to double their orders, for fear they would be cut off later. This has made the demand twice as much as it would be under ordinary circumstances while there is not the usual amount of fish to satisfy the orders.

The catch of cod during the summer and fall has been light. What few fish have been secured have been placed on the market almost as soon as they have been caught so that not near the usual amount has been salted. Hake have seemed plentiful, but all of these have been bought up and more could be used if they were brought in. Haddock have been scarce the whole year so that it is doubtful if more than a very few new finnan haddies will be obtained around here.

Even if one wanted smoked herring for Thanksgiving, it is doubtful if they could have been secured. The herring catch this fall has been the poorest for a number of years. The small ones have all been taken by the sardine packers while the large ones have been needed for bait. Some of the largest of all have been sold fresh in the market.

Fish Higher in Newfoundland.

Since Saturday last there has been another upward change in the price of Newfoundland codfish, the difference being 10 cents a quintal. Large merchantable is now quoted at \$6.30, and the other grades accordingly. In some cases, however, \$6.40 is being given, but only for small lots to fill orders. The amount of fish to arrive is not very large, and what will be brought to port, will be mostly from the northward, so that the general opinion is that the present price will not change for some time.

Coming to Buy Vessel.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says that Capt. Walter Kennedy of Holyrood, N. F., late chief officer of S. S. Glencoe, leaves Wednesday next for this city where he will purchase a banking schooner for Lake & Lake of Fortune. Capt. Kennedy will also take an interest in the schooner himself, and will command her next year. The purchasers have an option on a vessel and if it is found unsuitable to the requirements called for, another will be looked for at some other port.

Derelict on the Fishing Banks.

The Halifax agent of the Canadian marine and fisheries department Wednesday night received a wireless despatch from Capt. Howarth of the steamer Cymric, bound from Liverpool to Boston, reporting that at 5.50 p. m. that day he sighted a large mud scow adrift in latitude 43.45 N., longitude 56.58 W.

The scow is in the track of trans-Atlantic liners and, being low in the water, is a dangerous obstruction to navigation.

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Sale of Georges Cod.

The fare of salt Georges handline cod of sch. Mattie Winship sold to George Perkins & Son at \$5.25 per hundred weight for large and \$4.75 for mediums. This is an advance of 25 cents on each, the large and mediums, over last sales.